

hardworking American families saving for retirement, and creating jobs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and may we never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S ATTACKS AGAINST THE CITY OF CHICAGO

(Mr. QUIGLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, there are few places that encapsulate all our country has to offer more than my home city of Chicago. The strengths of the Nation can be seen in every corner of my district, where we celebrate diversity, passion, and resilience. This includes our immigrant communities, and I am proud to represent one of the most welcoming cities to those seeking a better life in America.

That is why it is ridiculous to hear the President continue his bizarre barrage of attacks against our great city with his newest and most misguided claim yet, that elevated gun violence in Chicago stems from undocumented immigrants. Not only do his comments do nothing to address the gun violence problem in Chicago, but they are just plain wrong.

Like most major cities, we struggle with violence and encourage constructive assistance. But studies have shown that immigration has no effect on crime rates. In fact, researchers have found immigrants generally have the strongest incentives to avoid activity that will put them in contact with the criminal justice system.

The President should stop attacking the most vulnerable members of our society and, instead, look for pragmatic, commonsense policies to support comprehensive immigration reform and gun violence prevention.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MIKE ILITCH

(Mr. TROTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passing of a great American, Mike Ilitch.

Born to Macedonian immigrants on the west side of Detroit, Mike Ilitch became one of the most successful businessmen in the history of our country. From humble beginnings, he built one of the largest food, sports, and entertainment empires of our time. He personified the American Dream, a constant reminder that anyone from anywhere who is willing to work hard and dream big can enjoy the opportunities in America.

However, he was more than an icon. He was a pillar of our community. During our city's most challenging times, he never turned his back. When so many others gave up on Detroit, he never lost faith in the resilience of the city and the people he loved so much.

All of us who have enjoyed "pizza-pizza," or Redwings hockey, or Tiger baseball, or the Fox Theatre know of Mike Ilitch's success. But what we will miss most is Mr. I's kindness, generosity, and compassion for others.

BIOMETRIC SCANNING AT THE NORTHERN BORDER

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express concern about the President's executive order wherein he supports the use of biometric scanning at all northern border crossings, including the crossing between the United States and Canada at Buffalo.

The President's biometric scanning plan would effectively shut down the Peace Bridge, which is the busiest northern border crossing for passenger vehicles, and second for commercial vehicles, thus stopping the movement of traffic and trade, and creating a wall-like effect between the United States and Canadian relations.

Canada is not our enemy. We are friends and trading partners. In my Buffalo district, we border Southern Ontario, the most populated province of all of Canada; and the Peace Bridge moves \$30 billion in commerce, representing \$230 billion in economic activity, and 1 million jobs.

The biometric scan plan for the northern border is unworkable and an unnecessary barrier between friendship and trade.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ED MOORE

(Mrs. WALORSKI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ed Moore, who was truly a pillar of our community in northern Indiana.

In 1979, Ed founded the Christian radio station, WFRN, which has been a beacon of faith and joy to its family of listeners for nearly 4 decades. I have had the privilege of visiting the WFRN studio many times over the past 5, 6 years. Each time, I saw Ed's passion for serving the Lord and helping listeners strengthen their faith. WFRN has had such a positive impact on so many lives, and Ed's legacy is that it will continue to do so.

In announcing Ed's passing, his family noted they were saddened, yet rejoicing, because Ed is with the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, I join Ed's children, Doug, Steve, and Rachelle, his 11 grandchildren, and the entire WFRN family in mourning Ed's passing, celebrating his life, and rejoicing that today he is with the Lord.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS REFUSE TO INVESTIGATE THE SWAMP

(Mr. JEFFRIES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives is a separate and coequal branch of government. And yet, House Republicans refuse to investigate the swamp of corruption that is percolating at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Michael Flynn has resigned in disgrace. And yet, the Trump administration has jeopardized our national security by continuing to play footsie with Vladimir Putin and the Russians. House Republicans have done nothing.

It is impossible to figure out where the Trump family business ends and the White House begins, yet House Republicans have done nothing.

Seventeen different intelligence agencies have concluded that the Russians interfered in the election to help Donald Trump, yet House Republicans have done nothing.

It is time for House Republicans to investigate this White House and stop acting like puppets of the Trump administration. The American people deserve answers. What exactly did Donald Trump know, and when did he know it?

VOTE AGAINST EXECUTIVE OVERREACH

(Mr. MARCHANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, at the 11th hour, the Obama administration's Labor Department issued a rule that stonewalled bipartisan changes to the unemployment insurance program. These changes were made so that tax dollars would be used in a more efficient and more effective manner.

It has been 5 years since Congress passed legislation giving the States the discretion on drug-testing policy for unemployment applicants. Using delay tactics, the previous administration prevented that law from ever being implemented as designed.

This kind of executive overreach impedes the ability of States to ensure that the unemployment insurance program accomplishes its intended purpose, and that is to promote reemployment.

In Texas, we take the job of fiscal responsibility very seriously. This week, Congress is responding to that overreach by the previous administration. We hope that Congress will take that responsibility very seriously. I urge my colleagues to vote against the executive overreach and to vote for H.J. Res. 42.

INVESTING IN A WORKING GOVERNMENT

(Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, recent executive actions have resulted in confusion, demonstrations, and late-night court rulings. Many executive orders have been announced with little notice, and the American people have had to wait hours afterwards to see the text.

Federal agencies have also been blindsided by these orders. The Secretary of Homeland Security found out about the President's immigration orders through cable news. In some cases, the President himself has been uncertain of what his executive orders contain.

Sir, we need transparency today. Congress has a responsibility to eliminate this confusion and make sure that executive actions are clear and transparent to all Americans.

That is why I am introducing the Executive Order Transparency Act. This one-page bill requires that all executive orders be posted on the White House website 72 hours before each is signed. This simple bill is an investment in a working government, and I urge all my colleagues to join me.

THE MILITARY NEEDS MORE ENLISTED MEN AND WOMEN NOT MORE OFFICERS

(Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, in Scott Berg's biography on Woodrow Wilson, it says that, in World War I, we had one officer for every 30 enlisted men.

President Eisenhower once said we had too many officers when we had one officer for every nine enlisted. Now we have one officer for every 4½ to 5 enlisted. We are almost overrun with retired admirals and generals. This is very expensive.

President Trump wants to greatly expand the numbers in our Armed Forces. If we do, what we need is more enlisted men and women, not more officers.

I started in the Army as enlisted and left as a captain, but we simply can't afford as many officers as we have today. We now have 475,000 retired officers drawing military pensions and 1,500,000 enlisted retirees. These two million military retirees, and those near retirement, should be demanding more fiscal conservatism by the Pentagon, or, in the very near future, we will not be able to pay our military pensions with money that will buy very much.

REAUTHORIZATION OF THE ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

(Mr. CLYBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to cosponsor H.R. 794, which will

reauthorize the Election Assistance Commission until 2022, provide payments to the States to upgrade the security of voter registration databases, and require an assessment of each State's voting systems.

Foreign hackers targeted the voter registration databases in more than 20 States in 2016. Candidate Trump encouraged hackers to target his opponent. He won the election and continues to cozy up to Russia.

And now, House Republicans are moving to eliminate the EAC, a key force in combating foreign cybersecurity attacks against our democracy.

"What do you have to lose?" candidate Trump asked. Try free and fair elections, Mr. Speaker.

I urge my Republic colleagues to put country before party and stand up for American democracy. Stop trying to suppress minority voters. Support an independent commission to investigate Russian meddling in our election.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH BIRTHDAY OF LITTLE RIVER COUNTY, ARKANSAS

(Mr. WESTERMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a milestone for Little River County, Arkansas. On March 5, the county will celebrate its 150th birthday.

According to the Encyclopedia of Arkansas, Little River County came into existence following an act of the Arkansas General Assembly, officially separating from Hempstead and Sevier Counties in 1867.

During its century and a half, the citizens of Little River County have shown resilience and innovation as they weathered the Great Depression, sent its men to fight in World War II, and grew the local economy in the years since. In recent years, Little River County has withstood severe flooding, but they have come back strong and resilient.

Little River County is blessed with natural resources, including forestry, agriculture, and minerals that all provide the inputs for manufacturing jobs that play a big role in the local economy, and will continue to do so in Little River's next 150 years.

I am proud to call Little River County part of the Fourth Congressional District, and I congratulate its citizens on 150 years of progress.

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RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL FLYNN

(Mr. DEUTCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, Michael Flynn's resignation does not close the book on the administration's coziness

with Russia. It confirms the urgent need for a bipartisan investigation of Russia's ties to the Trump administration and its ongoing influence. It confirms the urgent need for the President to release his tax returns so the American people can see any business ties that the President has to Russia.

We need a full, independent inquiry into not just the actions of Michael Flynn in one conversation with the Vice President, but the ongoing connections between the administration and Russia, because the one thing we know for sure is it doesn't stop there. President Trump's fawning praise of Putin and the previous resignation of other aides over their Russian ties made it clear that this is a problem that goes beyond General Flynn.

What we have learned over the past 24 hours is that colluding with a foreign government or lying to the Vice President and others is not what brought Flynn down. It seems that it was only the disclosure of those lies that made it untenable for Flynn to remain. The White House was apparently okay with everything until the American people found out.

We need to find out what else the White House and President Trump doesn't want us to know about their connection to the foreign power that interfered with our election, and we need to start today.

IT IS THE MEDIA'S CHOICE

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the liberal national media have two choices.

First, they can continue their dislike—some would call it hatred—of President Trump that results in severely slanted coverage. This is the road to self-destruction. The media's credibility has hit a record low, and the American people soon will stop looking to them for news.

Or, second, the liberal national media can start covering President Trump objectively. This means not portraying his actions in the worst possible light but sometimes giving President Trump the benefit of the doubt. It means giving his side of the story. It means, most of all, recognizing that President Trump represents the legitimate hopes and fears of millions of Americans.

If the liberal national media continue to treat President Trump unlike they would a Democrat, the public will grow tired of the double standard.

The American people have an innate sense of fairness, which the media should not ignore. For their own sake and for the sake of our democracy, the media should change their ways.

REPEAL WITHOUT REPLACEMENT WOULD BE DEVASTATING

(Mr. KILDEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)